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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 17.

Please amend the claims as follows: